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The Morning Star.

## OUTLINES.

Porto Rico demands that the island be admitted to Statehood or granted independence. —— Morgan, Money and Spooner discussed the Panama question yesterday in the Senate —— The Albanians were defeated in another battle with the Turks. —— Discussion of the naval appropriation bill was continued in the House. —— The first land encounter between Japanese and Russian reconnoitering parties took place near Port Arthur Friday last; a general engagement is not anticipated immediately. —— The situation at Port Arthur is unchanged and all is quiet in Manchuria. —— J. E. Starke, who killed Jno. F. Angel, in Jacksonville, Fla., last September, was found guilty of murder in second degree. —— Fourteen persons killed and others injured by a fire in a celluloid comb factory, Paris, France. —— Fears of international complications caused a panic on the Paris Bourse. —— Great military activity in Spain. —— New York markets: Money on call nominal; cotton quiet at 14.50c; flour was firm in sympathy with wheat; wheat—spot strong, No. 2 red $1.05; corn—spot firm, No. 2 64c; oats—spot firm. No. 2 52½@57c; rosin quiet; strained common to good $2 85; spirits turpentine weak at 66½@65½c.

## WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 20.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 29 degrees; 8 P. M., 38 degrees: maximum, 61 degrees; minimum, 29 degrees; mean, 40 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .16; rainfall since first of the month to date, 1.11 inch.

STORM WARNING.

Northeast storm signals were displayed at 2:30 P. M., at all points from Jacksonville to Fort Monroe. A moderate depression was over southern Florida. Brisk to high northeast winds from Virginia southward were indicated.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Feb 20.—For North Carolina: Rain or snow Sunday. Monday rain; increasing northeast to east winds.

Port Almanac---February 21.

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| Sun Rises | 6.43 A. M. |
| Sun Sets | 5.46 P. M. |
| Day's Length | 11 H. 48 M. |
| High Water at Southport. | 11.30 A. M. |
| High Water Wilmington. | 1.40 P. M. |

The Hay note has hurt Russia's feelings. If she doesn't intend to take any of China's territory, why is the Bear dropping tears about the size of horse apples?

Horatio, my fine fellow, me thinks it will take only a matter of time, long or short, to decide whether the Hay note is of the "grand stroke" or "wild cat" brand.

It looks like the whole bunch of world powers will step in to preserve China's territorial entity, but China won't know what that means, commercially speaking, until it all comes out in the wash-ee.

The Hay note seems to pass current now, but when the day of redemption comes, can its parity with sound diplomacy be maintained "without waiting for the action of any other nation?"

Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, a few days ago, tried to get a reconsideration of the bill to give Queen Liloulkalani $250,000 because we got the best of her when we took over, absorbed and assimilated Hawaii. The bill was only defeated by a tie vote, and that is really encouraging for Ben and Lil.

The Powers look on Uncle Sam as the policeman on the American continent, but China is rejoiced to think he is extending his beat over into Asia, too. He has summoned a posse commitatus of the nations to see that neither Russia or Japan may not resist an officer in the discharge of his duty.

The Democrats have only five months for choice to chrystalize on some suitable man to nominate for President. We have never had any idea that Cleveland would stand for it, but it is to be hoped the party will be looking around for a man with some of the gray matter like unto which the old man has.

In 1894 95 little Japan with 47,000,000 of people, licked giant China with about 400,000,000. If now the Big Bear will let the Japs crawl over him, we will no longer try to wrestle with the knotty problem and perplexing puzzle as to how it is that a little woman's "predominance" is "paramount" when we men of ponderosity gather at the fireside.

On the 18th of February, 1861, at Montgomery, Ala., Jefferson Davis was inaugurated as Provisional President of the Confederate States. On the 22nd of February, 1862, he was inaugurated as permanent President. Those dates are red figures in the calendar of American history. It will be 42 years to-morrow since Jeff Davis became the real President of the republic that had a bloody career of over four years.

## LOCAL DOTS.

— No services at First Baptist church to day, morning or evening.

— Cotton receipts yesterday were only 13 bales against 970, same day last year.

— The Wilmington Piano Club will meet Wednesday night at 8 o'clock, at the Elks' Temple.

— Pay your poll tax before May 1st or you cannot vote in the State and Presidential elections to be held in November next.

— A boy who knows how to run Job Presses may secure work at good wages by calling at the STAR office. Must be a resident of Wilmington.

— It is understood that the Streets and Wharves Committee has in view the paving and drainage of Second between Market and Princess streets.

— Rev. C. H. Utley, the new pastor of Southside Baptist church, will speak to men at the Y. M. C. A. at 5 o'clock this afternoon. All men welcome.

— A special convocation of Concord Chapter No. 1, R. A. M. will be held to-morrow evening to confer the Most Excellent Master's and Royal Arch degrees.

— Ollie Brown, colored, was adjudged not guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon in Justice Fowler's court yesterday and the prosecution was taxed with the cost.

— The Chamber of Commerce will be closed to-morrow on account of the anniversary of Washington's birthday. All the Northern and the Liverpool cotton exchanges will also be closed.

— The "Colonial Tea" at the Y. M. C. A. to-morrow evening promises to be a most delightful affair. An outline of the attractive programe was published in these columns several days ago.

— Messrs. Bullock & Ahrens, druggists, are handing to customers a useful little souvenir of a visit to their store in the form of an accurate thermometer, mounted on an attractive case of wood.

— By deed filed for record yesterday Giles W. Westbrook transferred to James McRee Hatch, guardian, undivided and entire interest in four tracts of land situate in the city and county; consideration $1,400.

— An iceman who went to deliver ice at the quarantined residence of Dr. Anders, on Third street, yesterday morning went to his employer with the startling information, that Dr. Anders' house was "garnisheed" and he couldn't leave anything there.

— Wm. Salisbury, white, forfeited a justified bond of $50 in Justice Fowler's court yesterday and it is learned that he has left for parts unknown. He was charged with an assault and battery and carrying a concealed weapon. A capias for him has been issued.

— The tourist travel to the South is heavier now than it has been since the season opened. Atlantic Coast Line trains No. 25 and No. 37 that passed through Savannah Friday each carried two extra coaches required to carry the heavy passenger travel.

— On Washington's birthday, to-morrow, Consolidated Railways, Light & Power Company will run extra cars to the golf grounds and Wrightsville Beach. It is expected that a great many people will take advantage of the holiday to visit the golf grounds and the beach.

### Chronic Bicycle Thief.

Ellis MacRae, the negro sent over from the mayor's court a few days ago for the larceny of a bicycle from Mr. W. C. Armstrong, was taken from jail yesterday and given preliminary trial before Justice Fowler upon a charge of having stolen another wheel from Edward Thompson, colored. He was sent back to jail in default of an additional bond of $50 and will have to answer the double charge at the next term of Superior Court. A young white man, who bought the last bicycle from MacRae, was placed in jail because he could not give the name of the negro who sold it to him and he would have been tried for the larceny of it, but as soon as he set eyes on the negro in jail for the larceny of the Armstrong bicycle he was relieved by the knowledge that MacRae was the same negro who sold him the bicycle.

### Engineers Not Concerned.

The Florence *Times* yesterday afternoon states that it is assured by a representative of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers that there is positively no truth in the report that they will take any part with the strikers and notify the railroad company that they will not run over the road unless it is kept up as it was before the strike of roadway employes.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Clyde Line—Sailing days.
C. W. Polvogt Co.—Spring goods.
J. W. H. Fuchs—Still in the ring.
Washington's Birthday—Extra cars.
Masonic—Meeting Concord Chapter.
G. R French & Sons—A few pairs.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Wanted—Agents.
Pine Timber—For sale.
Wanted—Young lady boarder.
Wanted—Young men boarders.
Sisters in Despair—Speedy relief.

The Hygienic Pine Mattress is rapidly winning its way to public favor. It possesses the health giving properties of the pine tree and is a natural protection. This is a North Carolina (almost a Wilmington) enterprise, and should meet with the encouragement it deserves. Address, W. C. Thomas & Co., Crusoe, N. C. †

## SMALLPOX SITUATION

### Two New Cases Developed at Dr. Anders' Residence Yesterday Morning.

### THE BELLIGERENT SMITH.

**He Went to Pest House Willingly Under Personal Guard—Prison Fumigated and Incidentally Other Offices. A Case at Wallace.**

The wife and little son of Mr. James Dodd, who was sent out to the pest house from the residence of Dr. W. K. Anders, on Third street, last week, on yesterday developed smallpox and were separated from the other inmates of the house. They will not be removed from their present location unless further complications arise. Mr. Dodd, who is at the pest house, has one of the most pronounced cases of smallpox, the health authorities say, they have ever seen. Mrs. Dodd and little son, the latter six or seven years of age, were doing very well yesterday. A little daughter of the family has not yet contracted the disease; neither have any other of the inmates shown any symptoms as yet.

Yesterday, W. B. Smith, the government weighing clerk who gave the officers so much trouble by repeatedly breaking out of the quarantine, was sent out to the pest house and placed in personal charge of ex-policeman Ben Turlington with instructions from Chief Quarantine Officer Green to follow him at any cost should he make another attempt to secure his liberty. Smith didn't protest yesterday and seemed perfectly willing to abide the consequences of his hasty action Friday. The apartment in the station house where he had been confined was thoroughly fumigated yesterday afternoon. Owing to the impossibility to make the prison reasonably air-tight the upper offices in the City Hall building got a good fumigation also and a number of the officials were driven from their desks by the penetrating fumes. Should serious results accrue from Smith's escapade Friday he may be charged with wilful violation of the quarantine regulations when he comes in from the house of detention.

WHERE WAS THIS CONTRACGED?

Parties in the city yesterday told of the development of a suspicious case a mile and a half from Wallace in the family of a Mrs. Rogers, who visited at the residence of Dr. Anders a short time ago. Particulars of the case could not, however, be learned.

## PRESENTED VANCE PORTRAIT.

**Interesting Exercises Observed at Greenville Sound Public School Friday.**

The formal presentation of a handsome portrait of the lamented Senator Vance, given by Prof. E. C. Herring, of Chapel Hill, to his former school on Greenville Sound, took place there with interesting exercises Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. A large number of pupils and patrons were in attendance; also Miss Pattie D. Horne and members of the school from Wrightsville, Superintendent Catlett and Mr. W. M. Cumming, of Wilmington, and Prof. J. S. Leonard, vocal instructor in the school, who directed the singing, which was a pleasant feature of the ceremonies. The formal presentation of the picture was by Mr. Cumming in a graceful speech in which he paid a beautiful tribute to the great commoner whose likeness was so well portrayed in the handsome present given.

In connection with the exercises incident to the presentation of the portrait, North Carolina Day was most appropriately observed according to the printed programme. Prof. Catlett made the school an interesting talk and the conclusion of which a substantial sum was raised toward the Vance monument fund. A resolution was adopted thanking Prof. Herring for his thoughtful consideration and kindness.

## AN EX-ALDERMAN FINED.

**Mr. E. P. Bailey Thanked the Mayor for Penalty and Reprimand for Conduct.**

Ex-Alderman E. P. Bailey was fined $10, including the costs, in the Mayor's court yesterday, the charge being driving on the sidewalk on Market street, between Second and Third, where the paving is going on. Mr. Bailey made no protest and promptly handed over his check for the amount named, thanking the Mayor for his action. In imposing the fine Mayor Springer reprimanded the defendant, for which Mr. Bailey also thanked the Mayor.

### Holiday Hours at the Postoffice.

The following holiday hours will be observed at the postoffice on Monday, 22nd inst., Washington's birthday: Stamp window open from 9 to 10 A. M. and from 6 to 7 P. M. General delivery window open from 9 A. M. till Northern mail is distributed and from 6 P. M. till Northern mail is distributed. One collection and one delivery by carriers. Money order and registry department closed all day. No service will be performed by the rural free delivery routes on that day.

### To the Roads They Went.

Carrie Stewart, Mary Jones and Emeline Brown, three colored women who made the afternoon hideous in the alley opposite Front street market house Friday, were sent to the roads for 30 days each by the Mayor yesterday. They went immediately to the rock pile and will be used as domestics about the camp.

## 'TIS WITH SOLICITOR LYON.

**Counsel for Jabel Register Urges Him to Ask Governor for Stay of Execution—The Confession.**

Whether Jabel Register will be hanged on Thursday of this week at Whiteville or whether his recent confession implicating the man Smith will result in a stay of execution until he can give testimony against Smith, depends entirely upon Solicitor C. C. Lyon, who, it is known, is giving consideration to the subject, but who has as yet made no application to the Governor for any delay.

Yesterday morning C. M. Bernard, Esq., of Raleigh, who was one of the counsel for the Registers at the trial in which they were convicted, appealed to Governor Aycock for a stay of execution on account of the confession, but a telegram from Raleigh last night contained the information that the Governor told Mr. Bernard that he would take no action unless asked to do so by Solicitor Lyon. Mr. Barnard then wrote immediately to Solicitor Lyon at Elizabethtown urging him in the interest of justice to ask the Governor to stay the execution in order that Register may remain alive until the April term of court to give evidence against the man whom he implicates as one of the principals in the foulest crime on record in the State. It is believed that Solicitor Lyon will finally ask the Governor to stay the execution for the purposes named.

## STARTLING HYPNOTIC DRIVE.

**Knowles, at Academy This Week, Will Give Wonderful Exhibition To-morrow.**

The Knowles, who are said to be the most celebrated hypnotists of the day, will appear at the Academy to-morrow night, commencing a week's engagement. As a special compliment to the ladies to-morrow night each one accompanied by the holder of a paid 50 cent. ticket will be admitted free. The prices for the engagement will be 15, 25, 35 and 50 cents. Seats are now on sale at Plummers.

To-morrow afternoon Prof. Elmer Knowles will give a wonderful public exhibition in presenting his hypnotic blindfold drive. A committee of four citizens will drive around the city, over as complicated a route as possible, and at some point hide an article, which will later be found by Prof. Knowles, who, blindfolded, will drive over the identical route followed by the committee. The commencement and conclusion of the drive will be made at the Academy of Music, and the start will be at 3 o'clock. The press has highly praised the performances of the Knowles. The Columbia (S. C.) *Record* the past week said:

"Knowles, the hypnotist, again amused a large audience at the theatre last night, and the indications are that there will be a packed house to-night and to-morrow night. Prof. Knowles demonstrated last night that hypnotism was a power, and convinced the most skeptical that he was easily the best ever seen here."

## BRIGHT, REFRESHING COMEDY.

**"A Friend of the Family" Proved One of the Academy's Finest Attractions.**

No better comedy production has been seen at the Academy this season than "A Friend of the Family," which was the offering at the local playhouse yesterday afternoon at matinee and in the evening. The lines are bright, fresh, clean and make up a galaxy of funny situations and complications which are very cleverly handled by members of the cast, every one of whom is not one whit behind the standard set for a star in the best of the metropolitan plays that come South each season. Mr. George W. Barnes, as "Bartley Swift," Mr. Cecil Magnus, as "Frank Cutting," and Mr. Emile La Croix, as the French count, were especially good in their respective roles. Miss Alice Johnson, the leading lady, was also exceptionally good. The company goes to Charlotte to-day for a list of return engagements.

### Judge Russell Seriously Ill.

Washington dispatch: "Ex-Governor Russell has gone to Baltimore, where he will again enter the Johns Hopkins Hospital. It was stated that Judge Russell is now, and has for some time been, suffering from a serious malady, which is causing his friends some concern. One of these friends to-day expressed an intention to go to Baltimore to-morrow to remain with Judge Russell for a few days. From the same source the information was given that the mother of ex-Senator Butler was critically ill and Mr. Butler left to-day for the State, where he will remain until there is some change in his mother's condition."

### Guests at "Airlie."

Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones have as their guests at "Airlie" a party of fashionable New York friends, who arrived Friday evening from the North in a special car. The party is understood to include: Mrs. Oelrichs and son, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad, Mr. and Mrs. Dwyer, Mr. and Mrs. Stevens and Mr. Harry Lehr. Mr. Harry Walters and other guests were expected last night.

### Movement of Truck.

*Carolina Fruit and Truck Growers' Journal*: "Strawberry and vegetable shipments are expected to begin moving out of this territory on or about the middle or latter part of April. That means that we shall be shipping strawberries and vegetables within about 60 days."

## SANITARY PLUMBING.

### Copies of Proposed Ordinance Establishing New System for Control of Work.

### ALDERMEN RECEIVE THEM.

**Will Inform Themselves for Intelligent Action at Next Meeting—Board of Examiners and City Inspector. Prescribes Materials.**

Copies of the proposed ordinance recommended by the Board of Health, establishing a system of sanitary plumbing for the city and providing for a competent inspector of plumbing, were furnished yesterday to members of the Board of Aldermen in order that they may inform themselves as to its provisions for intelligent action at the next meeting. The proposed ordinance is a massive document of fourteen typewritten pages and is fashioned after similar regulations in effect in other cities North and South. It was presented to the Board of Aldermen at its regular meeting the first Monday in February, but owing to its length, action was deferred until members of the Board could inform themselves of the contents of the measure.

The ordinance makes it unlawful for any person to engage in plumbing without first securing a certificate of proficiency upon written application from a Board of Examiners of Plumbing, established by such ordinance, or engage in such work without first registering as a licensed plumber in a public register in the office of the Board of Health, which is authorized to appoint the Board of Examiners to consist of Superintendent of Health, City Engineer and one competent plumber in no wise connected with the city government, who will be known as an Inspector of Plumbing. The Board of Examiners is empowered to make all reasonable rules, regulations and examinations as may be approved by the Board of Health. A small fee for the examination will be charged, but only one member of a firm or corporation will be required to pass the examination. Licenses may be revoked for 30, 60 or 90 days for any infractions of rules, which are prescribed in the ordinance at some length.

The rules contemplate the appointment by some one of the Inspector of Plumbing, whose duty it shall be to sign and issue all notices and certificates; to keep a daily record of his work, including all notices and applications received, violation of the rules, etc., for report to the Board of Health. He shall inspect all houses in course of erection, alteration or repairs, and also when complaint is made of work hitherto done, and to see that all plumbing, drainage and sewerage work is done in accordance with the regulations. Each licensed plumber must display in front of his place of business a sign with full registered name and words "Registered Plumber" in letters not less than two inches in size. A plan of any contemplated soil, waste or drainage system to be done must be filed with the Board of Health for the information of the inspector and his approval secured before work can be executed. All sewerage connections must be reported and approved likewise, printed blanks to be furnished by the city. All sewerage connections must be inspected before the trench is filled. All pavements must be repaired or relaid under the direction of the inspector and satisfactory to him. All drain pipes laid must be of extra heavy cast iron or vitrified stoneware. All pipes must be laid with not less than a fall of one in fifty feet, except in extreme cases, when it shall be done in the discretion of the inspector. Minute detail of the size and weights, etc., is prescribed. All soil, waste and ventilating pipes must be constructed inside buildings except in special cases where special permits are granted.

The fees of the inspector are to be paid by owners of property; $1 for each new fixture and 50 cents for each old fixture. Where the air test is used, the minimum charge is $5 for five fixtures or less; for each additional fixture, one dollar. The inspector is vested with power under the ordinance to condemn any defective plumbing found in old or new new work. Where there is any disagreement between owners and inspector, same can be referred to the Board of Health, which action shall be final. Prosecution for infringement shall be made by information filed with the Board of Health. The regulations go into effect upon date of their passage and are at all times subject to alteration or amendments.

## THE MOUNT OLIVE TRIBUNE.

**New Paper is an Enterprising Town by Mr. Fred R. Mintz.**

Mr. Fred R. Mintz arrived last night from Mount Olive on his way to his former home at Southport. Mr. Mintz, who was formerly editor of the Southport *Standard*, has now become editor of the Mount Olive *Tribune*, a new weekly which will be issued by the Tribune Publishing Company from the enterprising town whose name the paper will bear. The first issue will be out the first week in March, a delay having been occasioned by the big Baltimore fire which destroyed the American Type Foundry's branch there, with which an order for an up-to-date job and newspaper outfit had been placed. Mr. Mintz is a young newspaper man of ability and his hundreds of friends are confident of the success which will attend the new venture.

## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Miss Neppie Borden is the guest of friends in Hamlet.

— Mr. A. Trust and sons, of East Arcadia, are at The Orton.

— Mr. Thomas J. Kelly, of Kenansville, was here yesterday.

— Mr. H. W. Holcombe, of Nichols, S. C., is a guest at The Orton.

— Mr. J. T. Covington, of Clio, S. C., arrived last night from the South.

— Messrs. W. T. Aycock and C. H. Morrow, of Whiteville, arrived last night.

— Mrs. W. F. James, of Rocky Mount, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. J. Reaves.

— Mrs. S. E. Johnson, of Fremont, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. T. C. Ramsey.

— Mr. J. W. S. Robinson, of Delta, Sampson county, was here on a business trip yesterday.

— Miss Annie May Ramsey returned yesterday from Mobile, where she was attending Mardi Gras.

— Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ricks, of Greenville, returned home yesterday after a visit to relatives in the city.

— Miss Leila McIver left last night for New York to purchase the spring millinery for the C. W. Polvogt Co.

— Miss Lucie C. Besson, the popular milliner for the C. W. Polvogt Co., is expected to return here on March 1st.

— Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Polvogt left for New York last night. While North Mr. Polvogt will purchase the stock of dry goods and carpets for the C. W. Polvogt Co.

— Mrs. Henry G. Latimer, of Auburn, New York, is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George N. Harriss. Her hosts of friends are extending her a most cordial greeting.

## MESSRS. GRADY, HERRING & WARD.

**Style of Strong Legal Firm Formed Yesterday—Maintain Four Offices.**

The legal firm of Grady, Herring & Ward was formed yesterday with offices in Wilmington, Burgaw, Wallace and Kenansville. The members of the new firm are R. G. Grady, the well known attorney of this city, with offices in the Murchison National Bank building; Mr. Robert W. Herring, of Sampson county, and Mr. George R. Ward, of Duplin, the two last named being graduates of the University of North Carolina Law School, who passed highly creditable examinations before the Supreme Court this year. During his college course Mr. Herring represented his society in the inter-collegiate debate with Georgia last year and was also president of the law class. Mr. Ward also had a distinguished college career and is a young man of very bright promise.

Mr. Grady is too well known as an attorney to need an introduction to the public in this section of the State. He will remain in charge of the Wilmington office of the firm; Mr. Herring will divide his time between Burgaw and Warsaw and Mr. Ward will be in charge of the Kenansville office. A new and well equipped law library will be maintained at each office and a general practice will be carried on in all the courts in this section.

## PYTHIAN BANQUET FRIDAY NIGHT.

**Knights of Mount Olive Most Gracious in Their Hospitality.**

Wilmington delegates who attended the Knights of Pythias banquet at the Hotel Ollvette, at Mount Olive, returned yesterday morning and speak in glowing terms of the hospitality extended them and the magnificent service at the new hotel where the banquet was given. Those in the party were Supreme Master of Exchequer T. D. Meares, of Stonewall Lodge; Mr. J. D. Nutt, of Clarendon; Mr. G. F. Seitter, of Germania, and Mr. L. B. Rogers, of Jefferson. Owing to the severity of the weather, no regular lodge session was held and the Knights at once repaired to the brilliantly lighted and elaborately decorated new hostlery where the banquet was given. The proprietor, Mr. Peartree, proved himself a most excellent host and his attentions were most pleasant to the 150 and more guests, including some seventy-five or more ladies. The principal speaker of the evening was Mr. Meares, who was most happy in his words to the banqueters. There were other expressions from invited guests and Mayor Hatch, of Mount Olive. The banquet lasted until an early hour yesterday morning.

### Arrested for Vagrancy.

Charles Graham and John Mitchell, two crippled white men who were begging in the vicinity of Front and Market streets yesterday afternoon, were arrested by Policeman I. F. Huggins. The charge of vagrancy will be proferred against them Monday in the Mayor's court.

### Awarded to Mr. J. W. H. Fuchs.

The contract has been awarded to Mr. J. W. H. Fuchs for handsome new blue serge uniforms for the firemen. The committee was unanimous in its recommendation of the award.

**Open This Week.**

My friends and the public generally are informed that by the middle of the week, our store will be open again with an entirely new and up-to date line of clothing and gents' furnishings. As soon as the adjustment of insurance from the recent fire is made this week, we will be prepared to take orders for high-class custom-made clothing as before. Until we are in readiness would ask our friends to wait until they can see our new and up-to-date line of samples. I. Shrier, northeast corner of Front and Princess streets. †

THE C. W. POLVOGT COMPANY

We invite your attention to our New Spring goods which are arriving daily. Our buyers are North at present to complete our stock. No store in the city is stocked with the merchandise that you will find here, all new and up-to-date goods.

White India Linen.
Black India Linen.
White French Lawn.
White Batiste.
White Madras.
White Linen Lawn.
French Nainsook.
English Nainsook.
Long Cloth.
Lonsdale Cambric.
Plain Scrim.
Shirtings.
Full stock of Embroideries will be found in our stock.

Axminster Art Squares.
Velvet Art Squares.
Brussel Art Squares.
Ingrain Art Squares.
Fiber Art Squares.
Jute Art Squares.
Moquet, Velvet, Brussel, Jute and Fiber Rugs in all sizes.
Trunks and Suit Cases in all sizes and styles will be found in our Store.
Our new Spring Millinery will begin to arrive this week and open for your inspection.

The C. W. Polvogt Co.

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75c---Only a Few Pairs---75c

Left Ladies' Narrow Toe Welt Button Boots, sizes 2, 2 1-2, 3, 3 1-2 B. C and D. These are all fine Shoes worth four times what we charge you for them.

Come get your's quick. Do not send out or exchange.

Geo. R. French & Sons.

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WE ARE STILL IN THE RING.

Buyers of Clothing ought to call on me to get posted it nothing else, it won't cost you anything to look. I have the goods and the prices. Take a look at our new Spring lines in Men's and Boys' Clothing; they are nobby and pretty. Suits to order from $12.50 up.

J. W. H. FUCHS.

'Phone 800
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Head to foot outfitter.

## CAPTAIN DELEON FILLYAW.

**Order of Railway Conductors Pay Pretty Tribute to Deceased Comrade.**

Hall of
ORDER OF RAILWAY CONDUCTORS.
Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 14, 1904.

*To the Memory of the Late D. L. Fillyaw:*

The members of Division 271, Order of Railway Conductors being deeply grieved by the death of D. L. Fillyaw, one of their most esteemed members, have resolved,

That in his death they have taken from them a man of even temper, kindly disposition, punctual and loyal to the order, faithful to his employer, pleasant and genteel in his dealings with all.

*Resolved*, That many of us having been the recipients of his kindness, we will revere his memory, emulate his virtues and count it an honor that he should have been a member of our Division.

*Resolved*, That our charter shall be draped for thirty days, a full page of our records given to the memory of our deceased brother and that these resolutions shall be furnished the family of the deceased and given to the daily papers of our city.

C. E. McCULLOUGH,
W. H. PEMBERTON,
W. L. HARLOW,
Committee.

### Trip of the "Highlander."

The steamer "Highlander" is in readiness for the sea trip to her new home port, but is waiting favorable weather to proceed. She will be towed to Georgetown, S. C., by the steamer "Sanders." Capt. J. C. Smith will be master of the "Highlander" and Capt. W. A. Snell will be coast pilot for the trip around to Georgetown. Mr. T. D. Love, manager of the Wilmington and Fayetteville lines, will accompany the steamer around and will be manager of the new company.

### Front Street Collision.

The City Livery Company desires the statement corrected that the team which collided with the street car on North Front street late Friday night was a runaway team; also, that the team was composed of two horses, whereas it was a pair of old mules; also, that the team did not run into the car, but that the car ran into the team.

### A Home Enterprise.

Coca Cola Bottling Works, G. H. Hutaff owner, has commenced operation and its wagon will call on the trade during the coming week. The plant is situated on Walnut street between Sixth and Seventh and is equipped with all the latest improved electric bottling and carbonating machinery, with a capacity of 1,000 dozen per day. This concern intends to furnish the trade with a standard quality of Coca-Cola in its purest form, having secured exclusive license from the Coca-Cola Co., of Atlanta, Ga., to bottle Coca-Cola in the eastern half of North Carolina. This plant will supply the trade in Newbern and Fayetteville for the present. However, it intends to establish plants in these cities at an early date. Mr. W. J. Hutaff will manage the business and assures the trade of his prompt and personal attention to all orders. No expense has been spared in establishing this business and obtaining the latest improved machines, etc., at a cost of $5,000. Give bottled Coca-Cola a trial and we feel sure you will be well pleased. †

### DIED.

At her home in Rocky Point, N. C., Feb. 19th, 1904, Phebe, beloved wife of J. L. Casteen and daughter of Harris and A. J. Bloodworth, in the 34th year of her age. She was a most estimable woman, a devoted wife and loving mother. She leaves besides her husband and mother three bright interesting children, two sisters, Mrs. Miles Sparkman and Miss Lucy Bloodworth, three brothers, Messrs. Richard, Harris and Ennett Bloodworth, who have the profound sympathy of their numerous relatives and friends in their deep bereavement.

Funeral this afternoon at 3 o'clock at Pike Creek Presbyterian church of which she was a consistent member.

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Mr. Elmer E. Knowles will make his daring Blind Fold Drive Monday at 3 P. M. Start will be made from Academy of Music.

Seats on sale Saturday at Plummer's.
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Washington's Birthday.

Extra cars will leave for Golf Grounds and Wrightsville Beach at 2:30 and 3:45 P. M.; returning, will leave the beach at 4:30 and 5:00 P. M.

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Concord Chapter No. 1 R. A. M.

COMPANIONS—There will be a special convocation Monday evening at 7 o'clock to confer the Most Excellent Master's and Royal Arch degrees.

By order of the High Priest.

W. A. MARTIN,
feb 21 1t Secretary.

**The Morning Star.**

WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUNDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 21.

## THE THEATRE OF WAR.

Some war correspondent of *Le Matin*, at Paris, who with "great hazardships," to have it as his yarn goes, has "reached the centre of the Russian military concentration at Harbin, Manchuria."

Harbin is a city or town situated on the Manchurian Railway, about 600 miles from Port Arthur. If it is to become the base of operations of the Ru sis, that means that it is to be made the Richmond of the war. It will be strongly fortified with a line of defence toward Port Arthur, and, if the story is true, the battlefields of the war will be between Port Arthur and Harbin.

The fact that Harbin is to be the base of the Russian military establishment does not carry with it the inference that Port Arthur has fallen into the hands of the Japanese, but it is more than likely that the Russian military authorities anticipate that Port Arthur will sooner or later become untenable. Even should the Russians hold that port, the base of operations will be back of their defensive operations, mainly for three reasons:

1. There must be a point for the concetration and distribution of the Russian war supplies and forces.

2. There must be a stronghold to fight back to, and if the invaders succeed in pushing back back the Russian forces, Harbin is to be the tug of war.

3. The base must be back of any sphere or territory in which the Japanese are likely to operate. If the Japanese throw a force into Manchuria, either to the east or west of Port Arthur, they will doubtless capture that stronghold.

At any rate the fall of Port Arthur is a contingency to be anticipated by Russia, and for this reason the base of her operations must be back of Port Arthur. If the Russians find that they cannot hold Port Arthur they will evacuate and fall back towards their base of operations. This would mean that every inch of the territory between Port Arthur and Harbin will be stubbornly contested and probably the decisive struggle will take place at Harbin.

If Harbin should be captured and Russia determines to continue to fight, her forces would fall back on another base and so on till the Muscovites are driven from Manchuria territory by the Japs. In that event the Japanese plan of war would be to hold Manchuria and then Russia would have to be on the aggressive and the Japs on the defensive.

It is more than likely, however, that if the Japanese force the Russians out of Manchuria they will carry the war over the border into southern Siberia and capture that part of Russian territory along with the port of Vladivostock. In this event the Japanese will be on the defensive to hold the captured territory and Siberian port for the purpose of claiming it by conquest, if Russia is put to the wall in the war.

The STAR has heretofore expressed the opinion that the war will be a long and bloody struggle and the world powers will be fortunate if they are not involved before it ends. Certain it is that in the final settlement of the war there will arise questions that will involve interference by the powers. Among these powers will be the United States, which has already taken the initiative in notifying Russia and Japan that it does not make any difference which of the two whips in the fight, neither is to get any territory by conquest. The identical note addressed to the powers by our Secretary Hay, and which has been, in a way, concurred in by the powers, plainly serves notice to Russia and Japan that the integrity of China must remain and Chinese sovereignty be maintained over all territory that now belongs to the Chinese empire. This territory, of course, includes Manchuria.

The principle of the Hay note is what Japan is fighting for. Japan's contentions cover practically the grounds upon which the Hay note is based, so that in order to get any territory out of the conflict Japan must conquer a part of Siberia.

If Russia whips the fight and insists on holding Manchuria by conquest, the Powers would have to coerce her and enforce the terms of the Hay note. If she does not yield to the inevitable, it stands to reason that the Powers would have to throw their allied armies into Manchuria to expel the Russians. Suppose Russia wins the fight with Japan, has Secretary Hay, or rather the Roosevelt administration, got any assurance that the Powers agreeing to the Hay note would join the United States in coercing Russia? Great Britain would do so, but Germany, while agreeing to the suggestions of the note, made it plainly understood that her sympathies are with Russia. If Germany's diplomacy is no more to be depended upon than Russia's, the Kaiser, under his conditional concurrence in the Hay note, may decide not to join in any coercive movement but join hands with the Czar should the United States and Great Britain undertake to enforce the Hay idea. France would likely join the Russian German combination, and right here there would arise a situation which would mean the biggest war that the world has ever seen.

If Japan whips the fight there will be no difficulty about all the powers joining to coerce her. In the face of Japan's contention, it is, however, not likely that she will insiston territory, but certainly she will be entitled to something for fighting for what all the powers except Russia stand for. She would reasonably be entitled to Vladivostock and any Siberian territory that would compensate her for the expense of the war. If she gets no territory it would be hard to deny Japan paramount influence in China, commercially, at any rate, if not in the governmental affairs of China, which the Japanese statesmen will want to do and probably will do by intrigue if not openly. Japan will doubtless insist also upon fortifying Port Arthur and other ports in China and Corea in order to defend the entity of the Yellow Man's territory from all comers. This the powers will also object to.

We must go back, however, to the press dispatches which appeared yesterday. The statement that Russia is to make Harbin her base and in twelve days will have 400,000 troops in that territory is not true, or Russia has attempted to deceive the world in saying that she was not prepared, or perhaps preparing, for war. She certainly could not in twelve days put an army of 400,000 men in the field in Manchuria unless they had been on the way there long before the first guns in the war roared at Chemulpo and Port Arthur, February 8th–9th.

## AS TO THE HAY NOTE.

A survey of the war situation will show what a momentous document the Hay note is. The thunders of war had not rolled round the earth twenty-four hours, before the Roosevelt administration butted in with the Hay note. A few lines that would take an experienced writer but a short time to write, may be of the most momentous purport to all the world. If, however, our trade warrants it, and the South is specially concerned for its cotton goods trade in the East, no one can blame the administration for looking out for American interests by preserving the territorial entity of China and taking the short cut to keep the "open door" ajar. Many papers, North and South, however, after sober, second thought, have become alarmed over the possible consequences and are berating the administration for its haste and recklessness in the matter. Some of the leading papers declare that what at first was heralded as "another grand stroke of Hay's diplomacy" is, after all, but a piece of stupidity and recklessness. Some papers go so far as to say that the European Powers, not caring to take the initiative, have simply made a cat's paw of the United States through Hay.

Whatever may be said of the Hay note, however, it is no more unfriendly to Russia than it is to Japan. Is is aimed to hold them both in check, and if it serves to do it the Roosevelt-Hay proceedings will be applauded tremendously. In a Presidential campaign we (Democrats) do not hanker after butting into such pre-eminence as this would give them.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox advises young men to marry none but a tactful girl. We tried it on one once, but she hoisted her jib sail, tacked to winward and left us floundering in the foaming wake. You see she was just a little too tactful for us, so we are keeping close to shore for fear of squalls.

## PREMATURE AGE

**Is brought on by a failing body, as many Wilmington readers know.**

Failure to provide for the welfare of the body causes the body to fail, and brings on premature age. Men of 35 who are afflicted with kidney troubles walk about like men of 75. It's easy to cure it, and to regain the elastic step that you should have. A well known Wilmington man tells how.

J. A. White, electrician for the Coast Line R. R., at Rocky Mount, residing at 206 North Sixth street, says: "I have had great trouble with my back, right across the loins, and when I sat still for a while I hardly knew how to move and when I did you would think I was seventy-five years old. They are pains all over me and I coulp not tell where they were to strike me. I used liniments and lots of remedies but nothing did me any permanent good until I procured Doan's Kidney Pills at Bellamy's drug store and used them. They helped me in a very short time and seemed almost to oil up my joints, in fact, I have not had the pains since I used them."

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Remember the name—Doan's—and take no substitute.

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## SUNDAY SERVICES.

St. Thomas' church: First mass, 7 A. M.; last mass 10:30 A. M. No evening service.

St. Paul's Lutheran church, Rev. C. W. Kegley, supply pastor: Sunday school at 3:30 P. M.; preaching at 4:30 P. M. Public cordially invited.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Murchison Bank building: Services at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Subject lesson, "Christ Jesus." All are invited.

St. Matthew's English Lutheran church, North Fourth street, Rev. C. W. Kegley pastor: Sunday school at 9:45 A. M. Preaching at 11 A. M. Services at 7:30 P. M. Services Wednesday at 7:30 P. M. Every person welcome.

Fifth Street M. E. church, South Fifth street, between Nun and Church, Rev. A. McCullen pastor: Services to day at 11 o'clock A.M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday school at 3 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday night, 8 o'clock. All are invited.

St. John's church, corner of Third and Red Cross streets: 1st Sunday in Lent. Holy communion 7:30 A. M. Morning prayer and sermon at 11 o'clock. Sunday school 4 P. M. Confirmation service 5 P. M. Seats free. Strangers es ecially invited.

## CONSUMPTION.

CAN IT BE CURED?

Specialist Differ. Some Opinions From Patients Here Published Are Interesting, and of Value to Others.

Whether real consumption can be cured, or not, is an open question, or to guarantee that any one medicine will positively cure co sumption would be absurd, but we know there is something about the effect of Vinol when taken by persons who either have, or think they have consumption, or serious lung troubles, that is decidedly beneficial.

While we do not guarantee that Vinol will always cure consumption, we publish herewith extracts from some of the letters received on this subject, which prove that while we may be conservative in our claims, Vinol has certainly cured these people, and as the letters are guaranteed to be genuine and from reliable persons we must accept the statements as absolutely true:

Mrs. J. G. Brown of Anderson, Ind., writes: "Our daughter Mary was in consumption, and given up to die by our family physician. She was very weak and emaciated, but Vinol restored her to health in a marvellous manner, and she is as well as ever she was. Words cannot express our gratitude for this valuable cod liver oil preparation."

Mrs. N. B Jenner of Lakewood, N Y., writes: "I was in consumption, and no one thought I could live. I weighed less than 100 pounds, and my normal weight is 175 pounds. Vinol cured me, and it seems almost a miracle."

The Rev. Mr. Grosse of St. Paul's Church, St. Joseph, Mo., writes: "A young man in my congregation had hemorrhages of the lungs so that he could not walk a block. I recommended Vinol; he has taken four bottles, and feels like a new man; he eats well, sleeps well, and is getting strong."

Joseph Denis of Winslow, Me, writes: "My son was given up by two doctors to die with consumption. He was a human skeleton, and could not raise himself in bed. Vinol has cured him so that he is healthy, fat, and as well as any of his playfellows."

We have lots of such letters, and they all contain just such strong, authentic statements, and why should they not be true? If old fashioned cod liver oil had any virtue—and we know it had in the treatment of throat and lung troubles—Vinol, of course, is of far greater value; for it not only contains all the medicinal curative elements of cod liver oil, but it is entirely free from the oil or grease which invariably disagrees with the digestive organs and prevents the good that might come from the cod liver oil medicine.

We can only say that any one who is desirous of giving Vinol a trial for any kind of lung troubles may do so at our risk; we will pay for all the Vinol they take which does them no good. This shows that we have great faith in what Vinol can accomplish. Robt. R. Bellamy, druggist.

## TWINKLINGS.

— "What is alimony, ma?" "Allmony, my daughter, is something which is considered by many women as an improvement on a husband." —*Yonker's Statesman.*

— Bunko Ben—I hear that Bill Grafts died from exposure. Crowbar Charlie—Yes, the police exposed his last job and de jail life broke him all up.—*Chicago News.*

— Dishere radium," said Uncle Eben, "may turn a cullud man white, but it can't make a complete job of it onless it kin spoil his appetite for policy, persimmons an' 'possum."—*Washington Star.*

— A Child Thrust.—"You never saw my hand as dirty as that," said a mother, reproachfully, to her little eight-year-old girl. " 'Cause I never saw you when you were a little girl," was the prompt answer.—*Glasgow Times.*

— An old farmer said to his sons: "Boys, don't you ever spekerlate or wait for somethin' to turn up. You might jest as well go and sit down on a stone in the middle of a medder with a pail twixt your legs and wait for a cow to back up to you to be milked."

— "I suppose," said the suitor, "when you recall what a handsome man your first husband was you wouldn't consider me for a minute." "Oh, yes, I would," replied the pretty widow, "but I wouldn't consider you for a second."—*Philadelphia Press.*

— Say, Bud, 13 cents cotton is more than twice better than 6 cents cotton. What are you squealing about?—*Macon Telegraph.*

**Better Than Gold.**

"I was troubled for several years with chronic indigestion and nervous debility," writes F. J. Green, of Lancaster, N. H. "No remedy helped me until I began using Electric Bitters, which did me more good than all the medicines I ever used. They have also kept my wife in excellent health for years. She says Electric Bitters are just splendid for female troubles; that they are a grand tonic and invigorator for weak, run-down women. No other medicine can take its place in our family." Try them. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist.

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It is new in America, and millions who need it don't know of it. For that reason, we make this remarkable offer. We will buy the first bottle and give it to you if you need it. We will do this gladly to let the product itself show you what it can do.

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### Not Medicine.

Liquozone is the result of a process which, for more than 20 years, has been the constant subject of scientific and chemical research. Its virtues are derived solely from gas, made in large part from the best oxygen producers. By a process requiring immense apparatus and 14 days' time, these gases are made part of the liquid product.

The result is a product that does what oxygen does; and oxygen is the very source of vitality, the most essential element of life. The effects of Liquozone are exhilarating, vitalizing, purifying. Yet it is a germicide so certain that we publish on every bottle an offer of $1,000 for a disease germ that it cannot kill. The reason is that germs are vegetables; and Liquozone—like an excess of oxygen—is deadly to vegetable matter. That is why Liquozone kills every disease germ, and with a product which to the human body is life.

### Germ Diseases.

These are the known germ diseases. All that medicine can do for these troubles is to help Nature overcome the germs, and such results are indirect and uncertain. Liquozone kills the germs, wherever they are, and the results are inevitable. By destroying the cause of the trouble, it invariably ends the disease, and forever.

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Colic—Croup
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Dysentery—Diarrhea
Dandruff—Dropsy
Hay Fever—Influenza
Kidney Diseases
La Grippe
Leucorrhea
Liver Troubles
Malaria—Neuralgia
Many Heart Troubles
Piles—Pneumonia
Pleurisy—Quinsy
Rheumatism
Skin Diseases
Scrofula—Syphilis
Stomach Troubles
Dyspepsia
Eczema—Erysipelas
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If you need Liquozone, and have never tried it, please send us this coupon. We will then mail you an order on your local druggist for a full-size bottle, and we will pay your druggist ourselves for it. This is our free gift, made to convince you; to show you what Liquozone is, and what it can do. In justice to yourself, please accept it to-day, for it places you under no obligation whatever.

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1 2 3 H F .......... Give full address—write plainly.

Any physician or hospital not yet using Liquozone will be gladly supplied for a test.

## SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Asheville is to be extensively advertised at the St. Louis world's fair, says the Asheville *Citizen.*

— Mr. R. J. Weaver, who was married to Miss Esma Sapp at Winston-Salem, on Monday, was sent to the pest house with smallpox on Wednesday.

— Mr. J. M. Moore, of Long Shoals, contemplates establishing a duck mill in Shelby as soon as the Lily Mill Power Co. completes its development and conveys the electric power to Shelby.

— At a meeting of the directors of the Baptist Female University, at Raleigh on Thursday, an order was passed for the erection of another handsome dormitory building, cost not to exceed $30,000.

— Speaking of grown men going to school, it seems that Watauga county has the champion in this class. From the Boone *Dew Drop* we learn that "Mr. Eli Garner, who is near 50 years, and weighs 300 pounds, attends regularly" the school at Deerfield.

— Laurinburg *Exchange*: In accordance with instructions of the board, County Commissioner Alex. Jones has purchased the road machinery for Scotland county. The machinery is up-to date in every particular. It will require six mules to operate the entire outfit.

— At Raleigh on Thursday a charter was issued to the Lumberton Cotton Oil and Ginning Company, of Lumberton, with a total authorized capital stock of $100,000, of which $12,500 is subscribed by O. C. Norment, P. Godwin, G. B. McLeod, R. D. Caldwell, L. H. Caldwell, W. J. Prevatt, Frank Gough, K. M. Biggs, Stephen McIntyre, R. E. Lee, J. P. McNeill, C. B. Townsend and A. H. McLeod, all of Lumberton.

— Gastonia *Gazette*: "There ought to be more cattle raised here at home," remarked Mr. T. W. Wilson yesterday, "there's ready market right now for hundreds. If our people would feed their farm stuff to cattle and thus turn it into meat for the market and manure for their fields, they would have more meat, more money, and better improved farms." And we are not able to see anything wrong with that advice, even if cotton were bringing fifteen cents.

— The Republican congressional executive committee for the Tenth district met at Asheville Thursday afternoon for the purpose of selecting the time and place for holding the nominating convention. The supporters of Thomas Settle, who is after the nomination, favored the holding of the convention in June, while the friends of Prof. J. J. Britt, also an aspirant for the nomination, favored an earlier convention and a long campaign. A compromise was finally effected and the date of the convention was fixed for Wednesday, April 20, and Hendersonville as the place of meeting.

— A Greensboro special under date or Feb. 18th, says: Last Summer, a year ago, a man named Woody, was convicted of a criminal assault on a girl and sent to the penitentiary, but was pardoned by Governor Aycock. Yesterday he was again committed to jail. This time he had fallen back on an old scheme, but worked only one man, so far as known. He was working among ignorant darkeys selling them a membership in a detective agency for $1, which entitled them to a badge and a card, the card, said Woody, compelling the railway authorities to give them a free pass over the roads, while, after the badge had been delivered, he was to employ all members at a salary of $25 a month. He had one badge, and this he sold to Alf Slade, but Alf caught on and had Woody up before 'Squire Collins, who sent him to jail in default of bail.

**Mysterious Circumstance.**

One was pale and sallow and the other fresh and rosy. Whence the difference? She who is blushing with health uses Dr. King's New Life Pills to maintain it. By gently arousing the lazy organs they compel good digestion and head off constipation. Try them. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

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MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP has been used for over sixty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething with perfect success. It soothes the child, soften the gums, and allays all pain; cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup and take no other kind

CASTORIA. Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* The Kind You Have Always Bought

## CURRENT COMMENT.

— Already comes the news of the advance of pork and beef owing to the war demands en the East. It is surprising how quickly food trusts secure their war news.—*Boston Traveler.*

— The Japs score a great point in being the first nation to successfully use wireless telegraphy in war. And they are not altogether a wireless people, either.—*Macon Telegraph.*

— Whatever comes, we hope Baltimore will be original enough not to "rise phœnix like from her ashes." We should let the Phœnix bird go into oblivion and join the dodo and other extinct fowls.—*Arkansas Gazette.*

## MARINE.

ARRIVED.

Clyde steamer Carib, Chichester, Georgetown, S C, H G Smallbones.

CLEARED.

Clyde steamer Carib, Chichester, New York, H G Smallbones.

## FOREIGN MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 20.—Cotton: Spot, moderate business; prices ten points higher; American middling fair 7.64d; good middling 7.48d; middling 7.38d; low middling 7.32d; good ordinary 7.22d; ordinary 7.02d. The sales of the day were 5,000 bales, of which 500 bales were for speculation and export and included 4,600 bales American. Receipts 2,000 bales, no American.

Futures opened quiet and steady and closed dull; American middling (g o c): February 7.16d; February and March 7.16d; March and April 7.16d; April and May 7.17d; May and June 7.19d; June and July 7.19d; July and August 7.18d; August and September 7.01d; September and October 6.35d; October and November 6.05d.

## BY RIVER AND RAIL.

**Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.**

C. C. Railroad—12 barrels crude turpentine.

W. & W. Railroad—3 casks spirits turpentine, 17 barrels rosin.

W., C. & A. Railroad—12 bales cotton, 2 casks spirits turpentine, 65 barrels rosin, 38 barrels tar, 18 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—8 casks spirits turpentine, 100 barrels rosin, 16 barrels tar.

Steamer Whitlock—30 barrels tar, 2 barrels crude turpentine.

Steamer A. J. Johnson—39 casks spirits turpentine, 112 barrels rosin, 25 barrel tar.

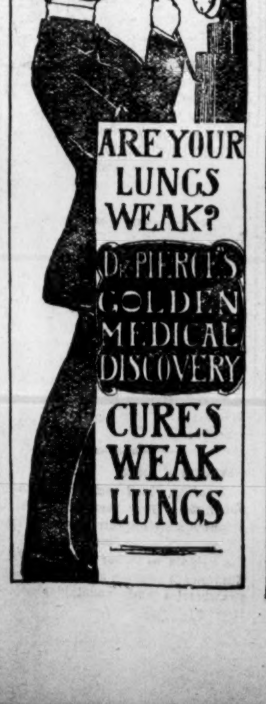
Schooner Leo—95 barrels rosin.

Schooner J. C. Allen—100 barrels rosin, 8 barrels tar.

Schooner Missouri—8 casks spirits turpentine, 58 barrels rosin, 42 barrels tar.

Total—12 bales cotton, 60 casks spirits turpentine, 547 barrels rosin, 159 barrels tar, 32 barrels crude turpentine.

— Clarkton *Express*: The solicitor's warning in regard to shipping liquor into Bladen and Columbus hasn't stopped the jugs from coming, but it has put the shippers to the trouble of boxing them up before sending them down this way.




## COMMERCIAL.

### WILMINGTON MARKET.

[Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.]

STAR OFFICE, February 20.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Nothing doing.

TAR—Market firm at $1.40 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $2.50 per barrel for hard, $4.25 for dip, $4.25 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm at 65c; rosin firm at $1.85@1.90; tar firm at $1.65; crude turpentine firm at $2.25, 3.75@4.00.

RECEIPTS.

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| Spirits turpentine | 60 |
| Rosin | 547 |
| Tar | 159 |
| Crude turpentine | 32 |

Receipts same day last year—9 casks spirits turpentine, 294 barrels rosin, 98 barrels tar, 47 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market steady at 13c per pound for middling.

Same day last year, market firm at 9⅛c for middling.

Receipts—12 bales; same day last year, 970.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 90c; extra prime, 95c; fancy, $1.00, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 80c; extra prime, 85c; fancy, 95c. Spanish, $1.00.

CORN—Firm; 57½@60c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 16@16½c per pound; shoulders, 12½c; sides, 12½c.

EGGS—Firm at 23c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull. Grown, 25@35c; springs, 10@23c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 12½@13c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25@26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 50@55c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Firm at 2@3½c per pound.

### FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Money on call nominal; no loans; time loans were easier; sixty days 3@3½ per cent.; ninety days 3@3½ per cent.; six months 4@4½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4½@5½ per cent. Sterling exchange was firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at 486 125@586.25 for demand and at 483@483.25 for sixty-day bills. Posted rates 483½@484 and 486½. Commercial bills 482½@482½. Bar silver 59. Mexican dollars 43. U. S. refunding 2's, reg'd, 105; U. S. refunding 2's, coupon, 105; U. S. 3's, reg'd, 106; do. coupon, 106½; U. S. 4's, new, reg'd, 132½; do. coupons, 132½; U. S. 4's, old, reg'd, 107½; U. S. 4's, old coupon, 107½; U. S. 5's, registered, —; do. coupon, —; Southern Railway, 5's, 112. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio pref'd 87; Chesapeake & Ohio 29½; Manhattan L 141½; New York Central 113½; Reading 41½; do. 1st preferred 79; do. 2nd preferred 55½; Southern Railway 19½; do. pref'd 80; Amalgamated Copper 46½; People's Gas 97½; Tennessee Coal and Iron 35½; U. S. Leather 6½; U. S. Leather, preferred, 76; Western Union 87; U. S. Steel 10½; do. preferred 56; Virginia Carolina Chemical, 28; sales — shares; do. preferred, closed 100; sales — shares. Standard Oil 615.

### NAVAL STORES MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Rosin quiet. Strained common to good $2 85. Spirits turpentine weak at 65@65½c.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 20.—Spirits turpentine and rosin nominal; nothing doing. Quotations omitted.

SAVANNAH, Feb. 20.—Spirits turpentine—Nothing doing; receipts 89 casks; sales — casks; exports 361 casks. Rosin was firm; receipts 2,184 barrels; sales 1,198 barrels; exports 2,485 barrels. Quote: A, B, C, $2 50; D, $2 50; E, $2 55; F, $2 60; G, $2 65; H, $2 65; I, $3 00; K, $3 25; M, $3 35; N, $3 35; W G, $3 45; W W $3 65.

### COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—The cotton market opened steady at a decline of five to sixteen points under scattering liquidation and in sympathy with disappointing cables. Estimated receipts for the day were light, however, the visible supply statement received a bullish interpretation, and there seemed no special pressure to sell, so that when the local bull leader began buying May and July soon after the call there was a rally to a little over yesterday's finals. Following this the market ruled quiet and practically featureless, with prices fluctuating within narrow limits.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Cotton quiet at 14.50; net receipts 124 bales; gross receipts 6,572 bales; stock 72,714 bales.

Spot cotton closed quiet; middling uplands 14.50; middling gulf 14.75c; sales 203 bales.

Cotton futures market opened weak: March 13.60, April —, May 14.00, June 13.94, July 13.98, August 13.53, September —, October 11.40, November 11.11, December 11.10.

Cotton futures market closed firm: February 13.78, March 13.95, April 14.12, May 14.26, June 14.26, July 14.28, August 13.81, September 12.30, October 11.59, November 11.29, December 11.28.

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 11,657 bales; exports to Great Britain 8,140 bales; exports to France — bales; exports to the Continent 5,862 bales; exports to Japan — bales; exports to Mexico — bales; stock 668,944 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 11,657 bales; exports to Great Britain 8,140 bales; exports to France — bales; exports to the Continent 5 862 bales; exports to Japan — bales; exports to Mexico — bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 6,322,406 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,899,649 bales; exports to France 634,264 bales; exports to the Continent 2,187,781 bales; exports to Japan 36,908 bales; exports to Mexico 22,368 bales.

Feb 20.—Galveston, firm at 13⅛c, net receipts 3,351 bales; Norfolk, not received, net receipts 900 bales; Baltimore, nominal at —c, net receipts — bales; Boston, steady at 14 50, net receipts 125 bales; Wilmington, steady at 13c, net receipts 479 bales; Philadelphia, steady at 14.75c, net receipts 184 bales; Savannah, firm at 13⅛c, net receipts 1,010 bales; New Orleans, quiet at 13¾, net receipts 5,149 bales; Mobile, nominal, net receipts 327 bales; Memphis, firm at 13⅛c, net receipts 855 bales; Augusta, steady at 14⅛c, net receipts 179 bales; Charleston, firm at 13¾, net receipts 8 bales.

### PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Flour was firm in sympathy with wheat; Minnesota patents $5 00@5 40; Minnesota bakers' $4 00@4 35; winter patents $5 00@5 25. Wheat—Spot strong; No. 2 red $1 05. Options opened steady this morning and later ruled irregular. Cables were strong and consols lower. Prices later declined on realizing, even up on the holidays. Another sharp advance occurred by reported buying by Armour interests and closed strong at 1@1⅛c net advance; May closed $1 04; July closed 99⅝c; September closed 93⅛c. Corn—Spot firm; No. 2 64. Options market was steady on good cables, and a fair number of buying orders. Later prices declined on local realizing but again turned strong with wheat and closed very firm at ⅛@⅝c net advance: May closed 61⅛c; July closed 60⅛c. Oats—Spot firm; No. 2 52½@57c. Lard strong: Western steam $8 15; refined strong; continent $8 15; compound 6¾@7c. Butter firm; extra fresh creamery 26c; State dairy 14@21c; imitation creamery 14@18c; factory 12½@15. Pork firm; family $16 00; short clear $15 00@17 00; mess $16 75@17 25. Molasses was firm; New Orleans open kettle, good to choice 31@37c. Tallow firm; city ($2 per package) 5c½; country (package free) 5¼@5½c. Rice steady; domestic, fair to extra, 3¾@5½c; Japan nominal. Sugar—Raw firm; fair refining 2 13-16@2 27-32c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3 11-32@3⅜e; molasses sugar 2 19 16@2 19-32c; confectioner's A $4 80; mould A $4 80; cut loaf $5 15; crushed $5 15; powdered $4 55; granulated $4 45; cubes $4 70. Cheese steady; State, full cream fancy, small colored, September 12c; late made 10½; small white, September 12; late made 10½. Eggs firm; western, first 34c. Peanuts firm; fancy hand-picked 5½c; other domestic 3½@6c. Potatoes steady; Long Island $3 00@3 50; Jerseys $2 75@3 25; Jersey sweets $1 50@4 00; State and Western sacks $2 50@3 70. Cabbage steady; domestic, per ton, $25 00@35 00; per 100 $5 00@10 00. Freights to Liverpool—by steam 12. Cotton seed oil steady with a very limited trade. Closing quotations: Prime crude, f. o. b. mills, 32@32½c; prime summer yellow 38½c; off summer yellow nominal; prime white 41c; prime winter yellow 41@42c.

CHICAGO, February 20.—A sensational advance of 4½c a bushel was scored in the pits to-day. Phenomenal price of 1.07 was reached, the chief incentive being rumors of the Russo-Japanese war spreading to other nations. Talk of stoppage of wheat shipments from Russia and from Argentine was a secondary matter. The day on 'Change was one of the most exciting in a number of years. Compared with yesterday the final figures are 3c higher for May wheat and 2½c for July. May corn is up ½c, oats ½c and provisions 15 to 37½c.

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—Cash prices: Flour—The market was strong at quotations: winter patents $4 90@5 10; straights $4 60@4 80; spring patents $4 40@4 80; straights $4 00@4 30; bakers $2 70@3 70. Wheat—No. 2 spring 98@$1 04; No. 3 spring 90@1 02; No. 2 red 1 01½@$1 095. Corn—No. 2 53½; No. 2 yellow 53½. Oats—No. 2 42½@43½c; No 2 white 49c. No. 3 white 43@46½c. Rye—No. 2 73c. Mess pork, per bbl., quoted at $15 75@15 87½. Lard, per 100 lbs, $7 72½@7 85. Short rib sides, loose, $7 50@7 62½. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, not reported. Short clear sides, boxed, $7 50@7 75. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 27½.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 May $1 02¾, 1 07, 1 02¾, 1 05½; July, old, 93⅝, 96⅞, 93½, 95½@96c; do., new, 92¼, 96, 92¼, 95⅛c; September, old, 88⅛, 91¼, 88¼, 90⅛c; do., new, 87⅛, 90, 87½, 89¾. Corn—No. 2 February 53¾; May 56½, 57⅝, 55¾, 56⅞@57c; July 54⅝, 55½@55⅝, 54½, 55c. Oats—No. 2 February 42¾, 43, 42¾, 42¾c; May 45¼, 46¼, 45¼, 43⅝c; July 40½, 42½@42½, 40⅝@40½, 41⅞c; September 35⅛, 37½, 35¼, 37c. Mess pork, per bbl—May $15 70, 16 00, 15 60, 15 95; July $15 42½, 16 00, 15 47½, 16 00. Lard, per 100lbs—May $7 92½, 8 05, 7 92½, 8 05; July $8 10, 8 20, 8 07½, 8 17½. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—May $7 55, 7 72½, 7 50, 7 72½; July $7 75, 7 82½, 7 77, 7 82½.

### NEW YORK COFFEE FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Coffee—Spot Rio steady; No. 7 invoice 7½c; mild steady; Cordova 8½@13½c. The market for coffee futures opened at a decline of 5@10 points, later weakened and closed quiet at a decline of 15@20 points. Sales 74 000 bags.

— The King's Daughters, of Durham, have started a move towards the erection of a home for the aged and infirm women of the city. The institution will be interdenominational and will be for those of the aged and infirm women who will not go to the county home for the aged.

## Healthier Than Before

My little girl was caught in the rain on Sunday, being drenched from head to foot. A very bad cough developed that night, and I at once began giving Cheney's Expectorant. In less than two days all symptoms disappeared, and she is as well now as ever.

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## Commissioner's Sale.

By virtue of a decree of the Court of New Hanover county, in the case of Joseph Turner and Emma Torner vs. Whi field Turner and Richard Turner, the undersigned commissioner will sell to the highest bidder at public auction for cash on Thursday, the 3rd day of March, 1904, at the Court House door in the City of Wilmington, the following property: Beginning in the northern line of Campbell street 41¼ feet west of the western line of Eighth street, runs thence west with the northern line of Campbell street 41¼ feet; thence north parallel with Eighth street 66 feet; thence east parallel with Campbell street 41¼ feet; thence south parallel with Eighth street 66 feet to the beginning, being part of Lot 5, Block 52.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF **The Murchison National Bank,** of Wilmington, N. C.,

At close of business Jan. 23, 1904. (Began Business March 1st, 1899)

| RESOURCES: | | LIABILITIES: | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Loans and Discounts | $1,060 218 90 | Capital | $ 300,000 00 |
| U. S. Bonds (at par) | 250.00 00 | Surplus and net profits | 113,041 46 |
| Bank Building | 20,500 00 | Circulation | 20,000 00 |
| Cash on hand and in Banks | 653 768 89 | Deposits | 1,500,436 33 |
| | $2,133,477 79 | | $2,133,477 79 |

Comparative statement of deposits,
Jan. 22nd, 1902, $657,508 75. Jan. 22nd, 1903, $1,304,819 99. Jan. 22nd, 1904, $1,520,436 33.

H. C. McQUEEN, President. J. V. GRAINGER, Cashier.

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### Notice.

On Monday, the 22nd day of February A. D. 1904 at 12 o'clock M., I will sell at Skinner's Ship Yard, near the foot of Church street, to the highest bidder for cash, one steam-tug called "The Franklin Pierce," with all her tackle apparel and furniture, to satisfy two executions in my hands for collection against The Shallotte & Wilmington Transportation Company, in favor of J. A. Springer & Co., and which have been levied on said steam tug as the property of said company defendant.

This 11th day Feb. 1904. W. B. SAVAGE, Constable.

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### TRUCKING BUSINESS.

How It Is Carried on In Southern Connecticut.

Onions, potatoes and strawberries are the principal trucking crops grown by farmers near the Long Island shore between Bridgeport and Stamford, Conn. The first two crops are marketed chiefly in New York city, while strawberries are sold in Bridgeport, Stamford and other markets. Nearly every farmer grows a few acres of these crops, some of them devoting a fourth to a half of their cultivated area to them. Hay is also grown extensively and meets with ready sale at profitable prices, as high as $25 being paid the past spring and early summer for prime timothy.

Nearness to New York makes the fertilizer problem easily solved, for stable manure can be obtained at all seasons of the year. Price of this varies from 40 cents to $1 per ton in New York city, depending upon the season and the demand, and freights are a matter of 80 cents more. Before the new rates were put into effect July 1 freight on manure from New York was 60 cents per ton. This stable manure is from grain fed horses and contains but little straw, but it usually has an abundance of grass and weed seeds. The usual application is a car load to the acre, somewhere between twenty and thirty tons. When possible it is put on the ground in the fall and plowed in to a depth of six to eight inches.

Large quantities of commercial fertilizers are also used here, high grade goods being the favorites. The best farmers apply one ton of fertilizer per acre no matter what the crop. The bulk of the fertilizer is sown broadcast after plowing and harrowed in, although with corn and potatoes a few hundred pounds are frequently put into the drill.

Early planting of potatoes and onions is favored by most of the growers. Both of these crops do best when germinating in cool soil. Early planting also allows of early maturity and harvesting, as it is essential that the onions be put in during good weather. Potatoes are harvested before the heavy rush of northern and western stock reaches the market and brings down prices. The strawberry acreage with each farmer is light, from one to three acres being the rule. Spring planting is the rule. Other truck crops are grown in a small way, such as asparagus, rhubarb, sweet corn, melons and cabbage, but these usually for local market.

In the onion growing district around Southport, where in the towns of Westport and Fairfield about 1,000 acres of onions are grown annually, other crops are frequently worked in. The onions are rotated with hay and potatoes and seldom planted more than one or two years in succession on the same piece of land. The ground is given a very thorough preparation and a heavy application of manure or fertilizer, from twenty-five to thirty tons per acre of New York stable manure or one ton of high grade commercial fertilizer being applied to this crop. Naturally the after crops get considerable benefit of such a liberal application.

If perchance the onion crop should be a partial failure, yet the stand not thin enough to warrant plowing up, a crop of carrots is often put in.—American Agriculturist.

### Planting Asparagus.

For new asparagus beds select a warm soil and sunny exposure and give each plant plenty of room. One of the gardening authorities recommends rows five feet apart and plants at least two feet apart in the rows.

### Hale at the Head.

As the new president of the American Pomological society J. H. Hale seems likely to prove the right man in the right place, says American Cultivator. He has put new life into the several prominent Connecticut societies with which he has been connected. His organizing and executive powers unite with his contagious enthusiasm in making him the right kind of a leader to increase the power and usefulness of this important society.

### The Clover Seed Product.

Of the thirteen principal clover seed producing states four—namely, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa—report increased acreage, while all the other principal states except California, in which state the acreage is the same as last year, report decreases. In Colorado and Utah conditions are below their ten year averages, while all other principal states report conditions above such average.

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C. E. TAYLOR, Jr., Cashier.

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STATEMENT OF THE

## Atlantic Trust and Banking Company,

Wilmington, N. C.

At close of business, January 22nd, 1904. (Condensed from report to Corporation Commission. Began business: September, 1902.

| RESOURCES. | | LIABILITIES. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Loans and discounts | $384,958 84 | Capital Stock | $ 50,000 00 |
| Furniture and Fixtures | 100 00 | Undivided profits | 12 232 81 |
| Cash on hand and in Banks | 19,936 93 | Deposits | 342,768 86 |
| Total | $404,995 47 | Total | $404,995 47 |

MATT J. HEYER, President. B. H. J. AHRENS, Vice President
MITCHELL F. ALLEN, Cashier.

DIRECTORS:
L. B. Rogers, B. Solomon, B. H. J. Ahrens, R. R. Bellamy, Martin O'Brien
I. M. Bear, John H. Kuck, D. McEachern, C. W. Yates,
J. G. L. Gieschen, Matt J. Heyer.

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SCHEDULE

## CONSOLIDATED RAILWAYS,

## LIGHT & POWER COMPANY.

Effective October 21st, 1903.

LEAVE

| Wilmington. | Wrightsville for Wil. | Beach. |
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| *† 7.00 A. M. | 8.10 A. M. | ..... |
| 10.00 A. M. | 11.17 A. M. | 11.00 A. M. |
| 3.00 P. M. | 6.18 P. M. | 5.00 P. M. |
| *† 6.10 P. M. | 7.00 P. M. | ..... |
| 10.00 P. M. | 10.30 P. M. | Saturday only |

*Daily except Sunday.
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## GREAT EXCITEMENT ON THE PARIS BOURSE.

**Panic Caused by Fears of International Complications—The Military Movements in Spain.**

By Cable to the Morning Star

PARIS, Feb. 20.—The Foreign Office here declares to be absurd the report circulated yesterday in New York, alleged to be from Paris, to the effect that sixty thousand Japanese troops had been concentrated at the island of Formosa, with the intention of invading the French possessions in the Far East in case of France aiding with Russia against Japan. No such information, official or otherwise, has been received, and up to noon to-day there has been no mention of such a report in any French paper.

Soon after the opening of the Bourse the leading securities began to fall. French rentes were partially affected. Russian imperials also dropped, as did other foreign bonds. Spanish rentes were especially affected by the great confusion which prevailed over the fears of international complication. This state was aggravated during the closing hour, and the excitement, which amounted to a panic, was redoubled.

No important failures had been reported up to about 6 o'clock this evening as a result of the panic, in spite of the unloading. From Lyons came an unconfirmed report of the failure of one small broker.

**Activity in Spain.**

MADRID, February 20.—Two regiments of infantry at San Sebastian and two regiments at Pampeluna are held in readiness to start for the Baleric islands. War Minister Linares has also sent a circular to the military authorities ordering the recall of all soldiers on furlough and to retain with the colors men whose service terminates March 1st. These measures caused considerable excitement, which was not diminished by the rumors which continued to circulate in spite of official denials, that this military activity was due to a warning from a European power to the effect that in the event of a continental war Great Britain intended to seize points on the Spanish coast.

## POWDER MILL EXPLOSION.

**Plant of the Laflin & Rand Co. Blown Up. Three Men Killed and Many Injured. The Damage $50,000.**

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PATERSON, N. J., Feb. 20.—An explosion at the Laflin and Rand powder mills at Wayne, seven miles from here to-day, caused the death of three men. Three mills were wrecked. Al. Jackson and James Weir were killed instantly, their bodies being blown to pieces. Frederick Weimer died an hour later. Thirty-five other employes were injured, several seriously. The cause of the explosion is unknown. It force was felt here, in Newark and in other near by cities. The town of Little Fall, five miles from the mill, was badly shaken and many windows were broken and several large brick chimneys collapsed.

In Wayne, a fire resulting from the explosion caused excitement. The whole glass front of Youngelson' store was blown out and the concussion set fire to several crates of matches in the store. The blaze was soon extinguished by a bucket brigade.

The damage to the powder plant is estimated at $50,000.

## NEW YORK BANKS.

**Statement of Clearing House Averages for the Past Week.**

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—The statement of averages of the Clearing House Banks of this city for the week shows:

Loans $994,438,800, decrease $5,131,100; deposits $1,028,025,600, decrease $1,668,100; circulation $40,551,600, decrease $185,500; legal tenders $70,906,300, decrease $414,800; specie $213,606,700, increase $7,959,200; reserve $284,513,000, increase $7,544,400; *reserve required* $257,006,400, increase $417,025; surplus $27,500,600, increase $7,127,375; less U. S. deposits $37,005,975, increase $7,338,050.

## JEWELRY AND CASH.

**Hotel Apartments of Postmaster General Payne Robbed.**

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—About $1,600 worth of jewelry and $150 in cash have been stolen from the hotel apartments of Postmaster General Payne, and the detectives working on the case are seeking to locate a nurse formerly employed in the family. Her description has been telegraphed to the police of a number of cities. It is thought that she has gone to New York city. The jewelry taken consists of rings and pins and was in a trunk which had been opened.

## ANOTHER BATTLE.

**Albanians Defeated by Turkish Troops. Both Lost Heavily.**

By Cable to the Morning Star.

SALONICA, MACEDONIA, Feb. 20.—Another battle occurred between the insurgent Albanians in North Albania and the Turkish troops, February 18th. The Albanians were beaten, losing 500 men killed and wounded. The Turks also lost heavily.

Shemsi Pasha, who was in command of the Turks at Diakova, has been superseded, owing to the Sultan's displeasure at his unduly severe treatment of the Albanians.

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## SPOONER DEFENDS THE PRESIDENT.

**Another Long Discussion of the Panama Canal Treaty in the Senate.**

**MR. MORGAN IN OPPOSITION.**

**Appealed for a Careful Revision of the Treaty—Tillman Took Part in the Debate—Money Favored Ratification of the Treaty.**

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20. — Panama was the subject of three speeches in the Senate to-day and was the only subject of general importance that received any attention. Mr. Spooner completed the speech begun by him on Thursday, and Mr. Morgan and Mr. Money both made brief addresses. Mr. Morgan spoke in opposition to the treaty as usual, and announced that he would not be heard again on the treaty. Mr. Money announced his intention to vote for the ratification of the canal treaty.

Minister Buneau-Varilla was an interested spectator of the day's proceedings, occupying a front seat in the diplomatic gallery.

Mr. Morgan made an appeal for a careful revision of the treaty so as to make sure of the footing of the United States in Panama when the canal shall be constructed. He urged that the treaty should be so amended as unequivocally to permit the intervention of the United States in case of necessity. He urged as a reason for this his opinion that ultimately Panama would drift back into union with Colombia, unless held in leash by this country. In this connection he asserted that the Spaniards of Panama and Colombia always would be found cooperating in all things in reprobation of the United States.

Mr. Money declared that the President's course in violation of international law had been such as to render it indefensible. He was sure that this and other acts of the United States in connection with the Panama revolt would deserve and receive the censure of history. But bad as our course had been in Panama he said that it was no worse than our course in Hawaii and the Philippines had been. He also contended that the President had been wrong in his recognition of Panama, but concluded that as he had given it recognition its independence was established and its rights as a nation fixed and this status being fixed the new republic had a right to enter into the treaty.

Mr. Money referred to the action of the State Legislature of Mississippi requesting him to vote for the canal treaty, saying that that request had as much influence with him as would a command. He regretted that the vote for the treaty on the Democratic side of the chamber could not be unanimous for he thought such unanimity would be a very happy circumstance.

Mr. Spooner declared it to be strange that the men who had spoken with such feeling of the condition of Cuba before the Spanish war should have had not a word to say for Panama.

In response to a question from Mr. Tillman, Mr. Spooner defended the orders of the government of the United States prohibiting the landing of troops within fifty miles of the canal.

Mr. Tillman said that the United States would never have interfered in Panama affairs if the canal had not been on the isthmus, and declared that the President had obeyed the acts of Congress in all that he had done.

When Mr. Tillman again interrupted Mr. Spooner the latter exclaimed, rather impatiently: "O! If the senator would only read the declaration of the people of Panama."

"I don't want to read any manifestos gotten up in New York," responded Mr. Tillman.

"No," replied Mr. Spooner, "the senator doesn't want anything but to have his own way."

Further replying to Mr. Tillman, he said that if the South Carolina senator had been in Panama he would have been the chief conspirator there, and Mr. Tillman replied that his antagonist had paid him a great compliment.

Mr. Spooner took advantage of this opportunity to say that in making this admission, Mr. Tillman was conceding all that he had himself contended. Mr. Tillman would not, however, admit that he had any high regard for the Colombians. "I have called 'em a mangy lot," he said, "and the senator from Wisconsin has made 'em out a mangier lot than I have."

Mr. Spooner replied that Mr. Tillman was simply seeking to find opportunity for an attack on the President, and in response Mr. Tilman declared that Mr. Spooner was simply giving voice to his own partisanship by such utterances.

Referring to the President's course, Mr. Spooner said no one need roll under his tongue as a sweet morsel the contention that in recognizing Panama the President had committed himself to the secession of the Southern States, which was, he said, a very different matter. That would do for Confederate veterans daughters' meetings, but not for Confederate veterans themselves.

Mr. Culberson asked: "How about the President's Capon Springs speech," but Mr. Spooner declared that the doctrine of secession in this country had been covered too fully by Daniel Webster's reply to Hayne to render it necessary to go into that question. Moreover, the American secession had failed.

"But," asked Mr. Tillman, "would we have failed if we had had in France or England a big friend like Panama had in the United States to keep you people away."

When Mr. Spooner concluded the Senate adjourned until Monday.

**House of Representatives.**

This was a field day in the House. The Naval Appropriation bill was under consideration and the discussion encompassed various topics, much of it revolving more or less around politics. After Mr. Drayton, Republican, of West Virginia, of the Committee on Naval Affairs, had pleaded for a larger navy, Mr. Hitchcock, Democrat, of Nebraska, declared that there was gross extravagance in the appropriation bills. He asserted, too, that the larger items in the army and navy supply bills went to the trusts—the armor trust, the beef trust and the shipbuilding trust. He gave notice that he would attempt on Monday to amend the bill to provide for a government armor plate factory. He said the armor plate trust had made enough profit during the last five years to pay handsome dividends, pay entirely for plants and have money left over. He declared that the very government which was supposed to be after the trusts was making large contracts with them.

Mr. Hardwick, Democrat, of Georgia, precipitated a discussion on the Philippine question by declaring that the retention of the islands was responsible for the demand for a large navy. He challenged the majority to make a declaration as to the future of the islands. There was some discussion between Mr. Cooper, chairman of the insular committee and Messrs. Hardwick and Cochran over the retention of the Philippines and the position of the Republican administration on that subject.

Mr. Cooper declined to say whether or not the intention of the Republicans was to withdraw from the islands.

Mr. Williams, the minority leader, sought to secure an adjournment until Tuesday that proper respect might be paid to the memory of George Washington on Monday. Mr. Payne, of New York, thought it would be patriotic to celebrate the anniversary by building up the navy, and the House adjourned until Monday with the naval appropriation bill still pending.

## RUSSIA'S MILITARY ACTIVITY.

**The Entire Army in Readiness for Mobilization—Messages of Sympathy to Czar from European Potentates**

By Cable to the Morning Star.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 20.—The CZAR, according to those who have access to his presence, feels keenly the outbreak of hostilities and sorrows at the burdens the war entails. Since the receipt of the news of the bombardment of Port Arthur his majesty has been much occupied with conferences and has only appeared in public on one or two occasions, to review the departing troops or to show himself at a window of the Winter Palace to acknowledge patriotic demonstrations. Persons who have seen his majesty say he is looking sad and careworn and that his well known kindness of heart causes him to feel acutely the loss of his brave men. His majesty is grieved over what he considers to be the treacherous conduct of the Japanese.

It is known that the CZAR has received at least three personal letters from European sovereigns expressing the heartiest sympathy. The potentates are Emperor William of Germany, King Christian of Denmark, and King Oscar of Sweden and Norway. The letter from Emperor William was brought by Colonel Von Schenck, commander of the Alexander third regiment of the Prussian Grenadiers, of which the CZAR is honorary colonel, and concluded with the significant words: "God is with us."

Military activity is proceeding on an ever-increasing scale and is in readiness for the mobilization of the entire Russian army should that become necessary. In a fortnight 100,000 additional troops will be in Manchuria. Three army corps of Siberian rifles have already been organized, and a fourth soon will be completed. There is also a brigade of Cossack artillery, armed with excellent mountain guns.

Although the Japanese seem to be making Port Arthur one of their main objectives, military men here do not believe that they will be able to effect and hold a landing there. The entire country is strongly held by a division of Cossacks, which was quietly moved out to the Far East from the Caucasus some time ago.

## PANAMA CANAL TREATY.

**Senator Bacon's Amendment Providing for an Award to Colombia.**

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Senator Bacon's amendment to the Panama canal treaty, providing for the award to Colombia of financial satisfaction for the secession of Panama, was to-day in executive session in the Senate ordered made public. The amendment is opposed by the Republicans and the ban of secrecy is removed only for the purpose of more effective debate in the time days which remain before the treaty is to be voted upon. It has been said that if Colombia's wrath could be appeased, and the fear eliminated that this government may be subjected to constant imbroglios with the Colombians, all but four Democratic members of the Senate would join in the vote for ratification.

## RAILROAD AFFAIRS IN RALEIGH.

**Tobacco Men Appeal to Corporation Commission—Another A. & N. C. Lease.**

*[Special Star Telegram.]*

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 20.—Capt. E. V. McBee submitted another proposition to the Governor to-day for a lease of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad, but declines as yet to give out the terms except to say it is at least equivalent to the minimum the Governor has stipulated he will consider at all.

The Corporation Commission has received petitions from tobacco warehouses in various tobacco towns of the State, asking that freight classifications on empty hogsheads be lowered. They are now shipped double first class charges. The Commission named next Tuesday as the date for the hearing.

W. B. Clifford is appointed receiver for the bank of Dunn closed by the Commission a few days ago. The appointment was made by Judge Allen. Clifford takes charge at once.

## DYNAMITE EXPLOSION.

**Twenty-five Persons Killed and Fifteen Others Injured, Several Fatally.**

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

OGDEN, UTAH, Feb. 20.—Twenty-five persons were killed, fifteen others injured, several it is believed fatally, and a great amount of railroad property destroyed by the explosion of a car load of dynamite at Jackson, a telegraph station on the Weston end of the great Ogden-Lucin cut-off on the Southern Pacific railroad. The explosion was caused by a collision between two freight trains, due it is said to the failure of the air brake apparatus to operate.

## WARM WIRELETS

The Federal Assembly of Porto Rico by a vote of 60 to 15, demands that Porto Rico be admitted to statehood or that the island be granted independence.

Fourteen employes of a celluloid comb factory, in Paris, France, lost their lives in a fire which was started by an explosion of gas. About twenty other employes were injured.

Perry S. Heath, formerly first assistant postmaster general and secretary of the Republican National Committee, has wired his resignation of the latter position, to acting Chairman Payne at Washington.

Japan having acceded to the request of the United States government to be allowed military observers with the forces of the field, the general staff has designated for this purpose Colonel Crowder, Captain Marchand, Captain Morrison of the artillery, and Captain John Kuhn, of the Engineer Corps.

Admiral Dewey, Assistant Secretary of State Loomis, Rear Admiral Taylor and Lieutenant Reginald K Belknap, of the Bureau of Navigation, will leave Monday for Charleston, S. C., where they will board the Mayflower and sail for the West Indies to witness the manœuvres of the combined fleets in those waters.

## THE FIRST LAND ENCOUNTER FRIDAY

**A Small Detachment of Japanese Troops Attacked by Cossacks in Corea.**

**AN AFFAIR OF OUTPOSTS.**

**A General Engagement Not Anticipated Immediately—All is Quiet in Manchuria—Conditions at Port Arthur—Japanese Fleet.**

By Cable to the Morning Star.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 20.—A dispatch from Port Arthur to-day says the first land encounter occurred yesterday. A picket of Cossacks attacked a small detachment of Japanese troops on Corean territory.

The Cossacks captured some Japanese prisoners, on whom they found maps and papers. The collision was presumably between reconnoitering parties.

A general engagement is not anticipated immediately.

A special Port Arthur dispatch says the Japanese fleet was observed February 18th cruising off that port.

Reports from northern Corea say the Coreans are showing a decidedly friendly attitude to the Russians.

The Manchurian railroad is conveying troops without difficulty to the various points of concentration.

Native reports say that the Chinese pirates, since the outbreak of hostilities, have been displaying much activity in eastern Asiatic waters, so as to almost paralyze the coasting trade.

**Quiet in Manchuria.**

Major General Pflug, the chief of staff of Viceroy Alexieff, telegraphed from Port Arthur to-day as follows:

"The situation at Port Arthur is unchanged. A soinia of Cossacks, marching from Wiju, captured a Japanese major, Tatsaru, with five soldiers and two civilians.

"The reports regarding the enemy are generally contradictory and are scarce. It is confirmed that troops of Yuan-Shai-Kai (commander-in-chief of the Chinese army), are being dispatched to Tsin Chou and Kapangtse. All is quiet in Manchuria."

A later dispatch from Port Arthur announces that by order of Viceroy Alexieff an irregular volunteer corps is being raised to defend that fortress. The men will be provided by the state with arms, rations and the necessary clothing.

It is thought, the dispatch adds, that Japan regards food stuffs consigned to Port Arthur as absolute contraband of war, and that she will undertake to compel the capitulation of Port Arthur by a siege.

**Conditions at Port Arthur.**

YIN KOW, Feb. 20.—By means of a special permission, obtained from Major General Pflug, Viceroy Alexieff's chief of staff, a newspaper correspondent succeeded in passing the lines under official escort and visited Port Arthur, which is closed to all civilians. The correspondent gives the following account of conditions:

"Only thirty per cent. of the population remains at Port Arthur, and many of these are leaving. The trains are crowded with refugees.

"Railroad conditions are excellent and trains are running on schedule time. There are only a few unfinished side tracks and one unfinished bridge between New Chwang and Port Arthur. The peninsula of Liao Tung is quiet. Adequate guards are maintained at all culverts and bridges, and preparations for defence are being continued. The troops in the vicinity of Kin Chow are active. A strong force is guarding the narrowest section of the peninsula.

"The authorities have mitigated war conditions at Port Arthur by fixing the prices of foodstuffs. The prices of other commodities, however, have advanced. The authorities have taken possession of all food supplies in the stores which were deserted by Chinese and other merchants. They are providing for a siege by send wheat milling machinery to Port Arthur, and claim that there is a sufficient food supply there for a resistance of two years.

"Japanese refugees, under the personal supervision of the viceroy and General Plancon, are leaving Port Arthur on released ships."

**The Japanese Fleet.**

"Although the harbors on the Liao Tung Peninsula have been reopened, the authorities do not expect further arrivals.

The Japanese fleet, which is sighted at intervals from Golden Hill, completely controls the gulf, and under the imperfect police system all incomers are treated as spies.

"The repairs to the Russian fleet are proceeding. The cruiser Novik has been docked, but the condition of the battleships Czarevitch and Retvizan remains unchanged. Engineers say that the Retvizan will be floated in a few days.

The official reports commend Capt. Essen, of the Novik, and Capt. Bersian, of the cruiser Bayan, for gallant conduct on February 9th, and indicate that in spite of the fact that no Japanese losses were reported, the Russians did some damage

**Military Movements.**

"The city is darkened every night, but Viceroy Alexieff house is light, although the people understand that he is at Harbin. General Valkoff is in command of the non-combatant force at Harbin. General von Dratovitch and Linevitch are at Liao Yang (about half way between New Chwang and Mulden.) When the tenth regiment is near Kin Chow, the ninth regiment near Liau Chang and the twelfth regiment near Liao Yang, it is intended to commence a simultaneous march toward the Yalu river. While Major General Pflug is advancing the troops from Mulden to the Yalu, he will at the same time be strengthening his centre and preparing to defend the railroad and the north gulf coast force. The military authorities are thoroughly aware of their unpreparedness to rush reinforcements.

"An enormous consignment of artillery is reported to be en route from Russia, and it is said without hesitation that there were not over 125,000 troops in Manchuria and at Vladivostock when the war began.

"The administrative authorities of Port Arthur assert that the Japanese have landed in Corea.

**No Cause for Alarm.**

LONDON, Feb. 20.— The French ambassador, M. Cambon, left London to-day for a week's visit to Paris, as he frequently does.

The German ambassador, Count von Metternich, is also absent on a week end visit.

No significance is attached to the absence of these ambassadors from London.

Count Buckorff, the Russian ambassador, left London to-day for St. Petersburg. The afternoon newspapers made sensations out of his departure, connecting it with rumors that the Czar was displeased with his ambassadors at Washington and London and with his late minister at Tokio owing to the recent turn of events and out of baseless rumors of threatening European trouble. The Russian embassy said positively that Count Buckorff had gone to St. Petersburg for three days, to bid farewell to his son, who is going to the Far East with his regiment.

The uneasiness exhibited on the Continent in regard to the possibility that an European war may ensue from the struggle in the Far East is not shared by Great Britain. No power has made such complete naval preparation for every contingency and yet nowhere is confidence greater that the hostilities will be confined to Russia and Japan than it is in London. The dispatch from Madrid that Great Britain intends to seize Spanish points in the event of war has not even the semblance of probability.

The Associated press learns that at the present moment Spain and Great Britain are on the verge of concluding an arbitration treaty, and that in other ways their diplomatic relations are closer than they have been for years past.

At the Spanish embassy here it was emphatically declared that the movements of Spanish troops were not due to a warning from Great Britain or any other power, but were simple and comparatively unimportant precautions that all nations must take when one of the great powers is involved in war.

"All the rumors," the foreign office said, "that European comilcations are in sight are quite baseless."

**Japanese Fugitives.**

SEOUL, Feb. 20.—Japanese fugitives, who were maltreated at Port Arthur, arrived at Chemulpo yesterday and the story of their ill treatment has created great excitement among the settlers there.

TOKIO, Feb. 20.—Three hundred Russian scouts reconnoitred yesterday in Wiju and vicinity. They crossed the Yalu river, entered the town and scouted through the surrounding country. They then re-crossed the river and joined their main force.

TOKIO, Feb. 20.—Advices to the Japanese government from Pekin say that while at Mukden Admiral Alexieff asked the Chinese troops to aid in guarding the railway, so as to prevent the interruption of traffic. The Chinese refused, and asked for instructions from Pekin. The Chinese government told them to inform Alexieff that as Russia had insisted that the Chinese were unable to guard the railway in time of peace, surely Russia could not expect them to guard it in time of war.

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**RED HOT CLOTHING SALE!**

We have a few Winter Suits left, and we need the room for our enormous Spring line. In order to do this we are going to

**Slash the prices on all Winter stock of Boys' and Men's up-to-date Clothing.**

**THIS IS YOUR CHANCE.**

**WE WILL NAME A FEW PRICES.**

Our whole line of $5 suits, pretty patterns, made of Melton Cloth. Red hot prices. **$3.99 Suit.**

Men's all wool Suits $10 values, new styles and patterns. This sale **$7 49.**

Our entire line of $12 50 and $15 suits; pretty patterns. Now **$9.48.**

Don't miss that line of Clothing we are going to run at **$4.48 Suit.** Come early.

Our $3.00 and $3.50 boys suits. This sale **$2.39.**

Red Hot Clothing sale at the Big Racket Store. Big slash in prices. You can't help from buying a new suit if you will only come a d look over our line.

Boys suits, ages from 7 to 17 years, heavy material worth $1.75. Red Hot price **$1.19.**

Boys suits, pretty patterns, Norfolk Jackets, all wool, $2.50 value, all sizes. Red Hot sale **$1.79.**

This sale will last **6 Days Only.**

**Red Hot Clothing Sale AT THE Big Racket Store.**

Now Going on.

**Geo. O. Gaylord,**

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**Great Opening by J. M. SOLKY & CO.,**

One Price Clothiers and Furnishers

ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1904,

We will start our semi annual Clearing Sale of

**Fine Clothing, Underwear & Colored Top Shirts**

And all we want to say is any one who has attended our previous sales knows what it means.

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| Men's $ 7.50 Suits..... | Now $6.25 | Men's $5.00 Pants..... | Now $3.75 |
| Men's 10.00 Suits..... | Now 8.25 | Men's 4.00 Pants..... | Now 3.00 |
| Men's 11.00 Suits..... | Now 8.75 | Men's 3.50 Pants..... | Now 2.75 |
| Men's 12.50 Suits..... | Now 10.75 | Men's 3.00 Pants..... | Now 2.25 |
| Men's 13.50 Suits..... | Now 10.75 | Boy's 3.00 Suits..... | Now 2.25 |
| Men's 12.50 Suits..... | Now 12.50 | Boy's 4.00 Suits..... | Now 3.00 |
| Men's 16.50 Suits..... | Now 13.50 | Boy's 5.00 Suits..... | Now 3.50 |

**Overcoats at Clearing Out Prices.**

A complete line of Boys' Suits and Knee Pants in all sizes, at great reduced prices. Fifty dozen Sample Top Shirts will be sold for 35 each. Remember this sale is for two weeks only; so be on hand for your bargains.

Remember the place—The Masonic Temple Building. feb 20 tf

The Store That Pays Your Car Fare. **REHDER'S.** The Store That Pays Your Car Fare.

**AHEAD OF THE PROCESSION**

SPECIAL EXHIBIT OF 1904 SPRING STYLES OF THE FAMOUS

**Crawford Shoe, $3.50 and $4.00**

**STIEFF'S WINDOW,**

Market Street, Between Front and Second.

Phone us the style and size you like. We will send several pairs for your selection.

**J. H. REHDER & CO.,**

feb 20 tf 615, 617, 619 North Fourth St.

**ODDS AND ENDS**

**Men's Shoes**

All single pairs and broken sizes—left from this and last season—selling at big reductions.

This sale includes Shoes made by Hanan & Sons, Snow, Humanic and many other makes. Prices from 50c to $3.50. See our windows, every shoe tagged with price and size.

**Solomon's Shoe Store.**

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*Ask Your Dealer*




*Look for this Label*

**Ask Your Dealer For Prices. If he does not handle them write**

**W. O. THOMAS & CO.,**

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